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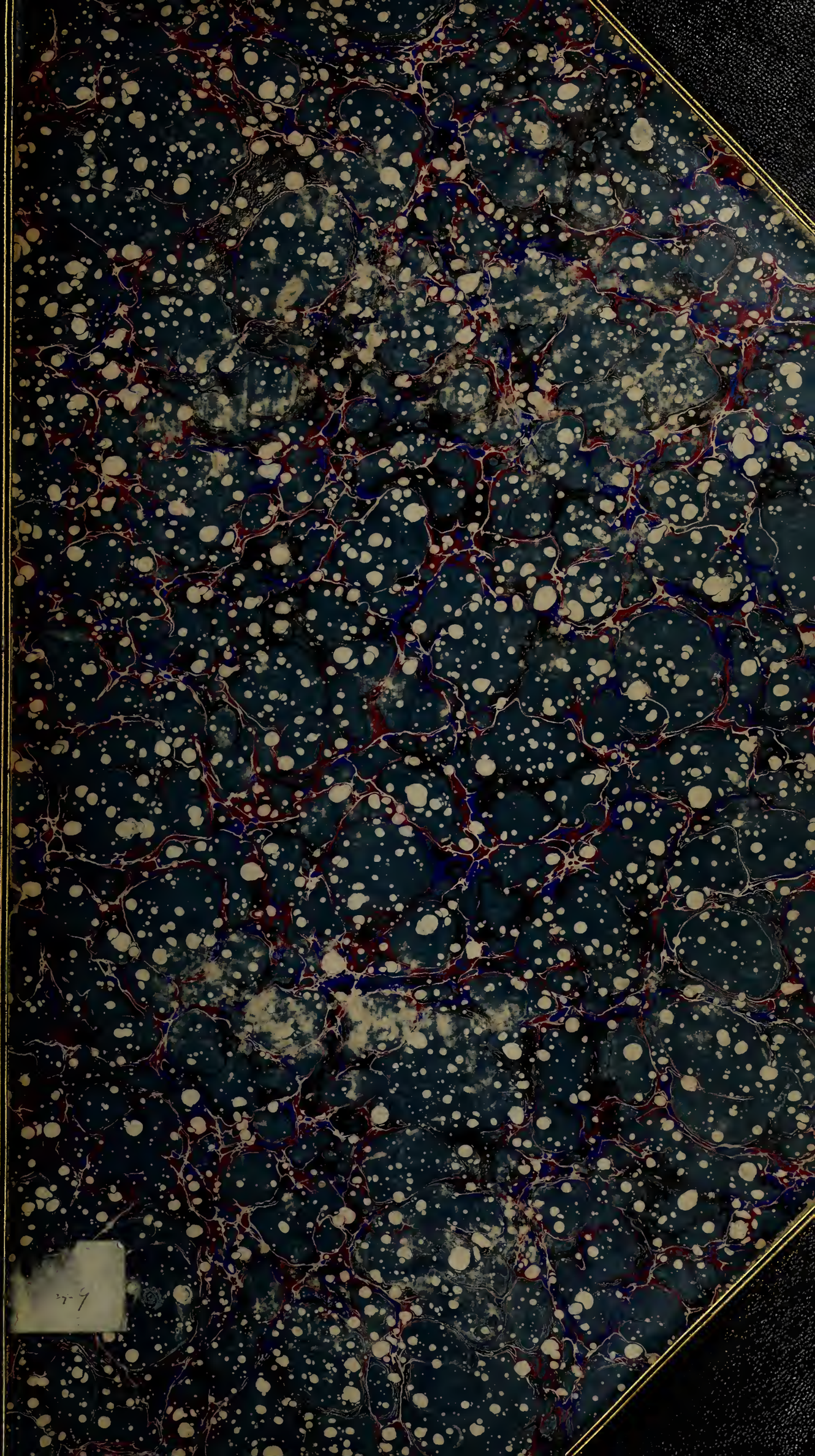

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Journal

of the Proceedings of the Committee of Correspondence, Chosen by the Honorable House of Representatives of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay on Fryday May 28th AD 1773 —

Members of the Committee,

Pedediah Foster Esqr
Daniel Leonard Esqr
James Prescott Esqr
Capt. Wm Heath
Capt. Jona Greenleaf
Capt. Thos Gardner
mr Elbridge Gerry

Hon Thos Cushing Esqr
mr Sam Adams
Hon John Hancock Esqr
Wm Phillips Esqr
Hon Joseph Hawley Esqr
Hon James Warren Esqr
Jerath Bowers Esqr
Richard Derby Junr Esqr

Fryday Evening May 28th 1773 The Committee met.

Present

mr Prescot
mr Greenleaf
mr Gerry
mr Leonard
mr Derby
mr Heath

mr Cushing
mr Adams
mr Hancock
mr Phillips
mr Bowers
mr Warren

The Committee voted Wm Heath their Clerk

Voted that mr Adams prepare a Letter to the Speaker of the Honorable House of Burgesses of the Province of Virginia

Voted that mr Leonard prepare a Letter to the Speaker of the Honorable House of Deputies of the Colony of Rhode Island

Voted

Voted that mr. Gerry prepare Circular Letters to the Speakers of the Several Houses of Assembly on the Continent

Voted that mr. Cushing mr. Hancock mr. Warren mr. Hawley and mr. Foster Enumerate the Grievances under which the Inhabitants of this Province Labour in order to Communicate them to the Sister Colonies

The Comm.tee then adjourned

Thursday June 3rd. 1773 —

The Comm.tee met Present

mr. Leonard	mr. Cushing
mr. Gardner	mr. Adams
mr. Greenleaf	mr. Hancock
mr. Gerry	mr. Phillips
mr. Heath	mr. Warren
	mr. Foster

mr. Adams reported the Draft of a letter to the Speaker of the Honorable House of Burgesses of the Colony of Virginia, which Draft was Unanimously accepted by the Comm.tee and voted to be reported to the House

mr. Gerry reported the Draft of a Circular Letter to the Speakers of the Several Houses of Assembly on the Continent, which was unanimously voted to be reported to the House

The Committee then adjourned

Monday June 28th. 1773 ~

The Committee met.

Present

mr. Foster	mr. Cushing
mr. Greenleaf	mr. Adams
mr. Gardner	mr. Hancock
mr. Heath	mr. Phillips
	mr. Derby

mr. Hancock Communicated a Letter which he had received from the Commtee of Correspondence in Connecticut, Requesting that they may be favoured with Sundry Letters, which the House of Representatives of the Province of Massachusetts Bay have Obtained from England of an Extraordinary Nature, tending to Subvert the Constitution of the Colonies, — which Letter was Read and thereupon Voted That a Sub Committee be appointed to write an answer to the Letter from the Committee of Correspondence in Connecticut, also to the Committies of each Assembly on the Continent

Voted that mr. Cushing mr. Adams mr. Hancock mr. Phillips and mr. Heath be a Sub committee for that purpose, and that they enclose to the said Committees printed Copies of the Letters that have been before the House, and the Resolves thereon, also printed Copies of the Controversy between the Governor and the Two Houses of the Last Assembly

The Committee then adjourned

Monday July 4th. 1773

The Sub Committee met

Present

mr. Phillips	mr. Cushing
mr. Heath	mr. Adams

a Letter was then wrote to the Committee of Cor:

Correspondence in Connecticut, with which was enclosed Copies of three Letters Signed Thos. Moffat, and printed Copies of the Letters that have been before the House and the resolves thereon, also printed Copies of the Controversy between the Governor and the two Houses of the last assembly

Thursday July 8th. 1773

Sub Committee met

Present

Mr. Hancock — Mr. Cushing
Mr. Heath — Mr. Adams

Voted that this Sub Committee will meet periodically and that the said meetings shall be on Thursdays at four o Clock P. M.

The Sub Committee then adjourned to Thursday the 15th. Instant

Thursday July 15th. 1773

Sub Committee met

Present

Mr. Hancock — Mr. Cushing
Mr. Heath — Mr. Adams

Proposed writing Letters to the Several Committies of Correspondence in the neighbouring Governments, respecting some Important matters of General Concernment, and Desired Mr. Adams to prepare a Draft accordingly

Then adjourned to Thursday 29th. Instant

Thursday July 29th. 1773

Sub Committee met

Present

mr. Phillips
mr. Heath
mr. Cushing
mr. Adams

Some fresh Intellegence being Dayly Expected from Great Britain it was thought best to defer writeing Letters to the Several Committies of Correspondence in the neighbouring Governments for a few dayes — Then adjourned to Thursday the 5th. Day of August next, five o Clock P. M.

Thursday augst. 5th. 1773 — Being very Stormy and Uncomfortable the Sub Committee Did not meet

Thursday augst 12th. 1773

Part of the Sub Committee met

Present

mr. Adams
mr. Heath

There not being a majority of the Committee present nothing was Transacted —

Thursday augst 19th. 1773

Sub Committee met

Present

mr. Cushing
mr. Phillips
mr. Adams

Some further Intellegence being Expected it was thought best still to defer sending the Letters (heretofore proposed to be sent to the Several Committies of Correspondence) for the present

Thursday

Thursday Augst 26th 1773

Sub Committee met

Present

mr Heath

mr Cushing
mr Phillips

mr Cushing Communicated a Letter which he had received from the Committee of Correspondence in Connecticut requesting that they may Informed what has been Done by the Judges of the Superior Court in this Province, on the requisition made for a writ of assistence. — whereupon the Sub Committee procured the minutes of the arguments made by mr Thacher and mr Otis before the Judges of the Superior Court in this Province against Such a writ being Granted here, which to gather with a Letter were forwarded to the Committee of Correspondence in Connecticut

The Committee then adjourned

Wednesday Septr 29th 1773

Sub Committee met

Present

mr Hancock
mr Phillips

mr Cushing
mr Adams

In asmuch as the Joynt wisdom of the whole Committee appeary to be needfull, Voted that mr Cushing desire the Several members to attend at the Representative Chamber in Botton on Wednesday the 20th Day of Octr next at Ten oClock in the morning

Wednesday Octr 20th 1773 — A: M —

agreable to Notification the Committee met

Present

mr Bowery	mr Cushing
mr Foster	mr Adams
mr Prescott	mr Hancock
mr Gardner	mr Phillips
mr Heath	mr Warren

mr Chairman then acquainted the Committee with the reasons of their being called to gather, namely to Consider of the Expediency of writeing Circular Letters to the Several Committees of Correspondence in the neighbouring Governments, and after Debate thereon it was voted to be Expedient

The Subject matter to be Expressed in such Letters was then Taken into Consideration, and after debateing thereon till noon, — The Committee adjourned to half past three o'Clock afternoon

Post Meridiem

Present

mr Foster	mr Cushing
mr Prescott	mr Adams
mr Gardner	mr Phillips
mr Heath	mr Warren
	mr Bowery

The Committee again took into Consideration the Subject in Debate in the forenoon, and after mature deliberation, and further Debate thereon

Voted That mr Warren and mr Adams be a Sub Committee to prepare the Draft of a Circular to the Several Committees of Correspondence in the neighbouring Governments, and report as Soon as may be

Then adjourned till to Morrow 12 o'Clock at noon

Thursday Octr 21st 1773 [illegible] o Clock at noon

Committee met present

mr. Warren	mr. Cushing
mr. Prescott	mr. Hancock
mr. Gardner	mr. Phillips
mr. Heath	mr. Bowey
	mr. Foster

mr. Bowey acquainted the Committee that the Sub Committee were not ready to report.

Then adjourned to three o Clock after noon

Post Meridiem

Present

mr. Bowey	mr. Cushing
mr. Foster	mr. Adams
mr. Prescott	mr. Hancock
mr. Gardner	mr. Phillips
mr. Heath	mr. Warren

The Sub Committee reported the Draft of a Circular Letter which was several times Read, and accepted,

and thereupon ~~voted~~ That mr. Chairman, mr. Adams and mr. Heath Sign said Letter, by order of the Comm^te and forward them to the Several Committies of Correspondence with all Convenient Speed

and that the said three members of the Committee Transmit a like Letter to any other Committee that they may be ~~Informed~~ are appointed

Then adjourned

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